

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed March 14, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1 and 3-6 are pending in this application, with claims 1 and 6 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 10. Claim 6 is rewritten in independent form including the limitations of independent claim 1. Claims 3 and 7-10 are canceled without prejudice.

Response to Claim Rejections

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Fenn in view of Hirose.

Claims 1 and 3 are also rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 4 and 13 of Fenn in view of Hirose.

Claims 6 and 10 were found to contain allowable subject matter. In view of the allowable subject matter, independent claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of claim 10 and claim 6 is rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 6 should be allowable as incorporating allowable subject matter.

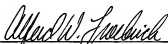
Claims 4 and 5, which were withdrawn from consideration should now be considered as being dependent from generic claim 1.

Dependent claim 3-5, each being dependent on independent claim 1, should be allowable for the same reasons as is independent claim 1, as well as for the additional recitations contained therein.

The application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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